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## Exploring the winter forest

Participants march up a trail during the Algonquin Highlands Sport for Life Guided Snowshoe Hike on Feb. 4 at the Frost Centre just south of Dorset. The group was fortunate enough to see a variety of animals signs, including moose tracks. This was part of a six-week offering. For more information see [www.algonquinhighlands.ca](http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca). More photos on page 4. Darren Lum Staff

# Bad roads prompt letter to province

Disappointed at snow clearing, Algonquin Highlands writes to premier

**Chad Ingram**  
 Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands is joining the growing list of Ontario municipalities asking the provincial government to intervene in the winter maintenance of its highways.

This winter marks the second in a 10-year contract between the province and multinational company Carillion, which is responsible for maintaining highways in the county.

Residents complained of the drop in quality last year, but this year, with the extreme weather, there seem to be more unhappy motorists.

"I have fielded an extraordinary number of complaints," Reeve Carol Moffatt told her colleagues during a Feb. 6 council meeting. "The situation is escalating across the province."

In December, Huntsville council sent a letter to the province, asking Premier Kathleen Wynne to intervene in substandard winter highway maintenance in the area and restore service to its former level.

Other townships have since followed suit and Carillion and other contractors have been fined by the Ministry of Transportation for substandard performance this winter.

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## Olympic spirit gets Minden moving

**Chad Ingram**  
 Staff reporter

Minden may be more than 8,000 kilometres from Sochi, Russia, but the community is brimming with Olympic spirit.

Some 70 people made their way to the

## Minden water main breaks in frosty winter weather

**Chad Ingram**  
 Staff reporter

A water main broke in Minden on Feb. 3 leaving four residences and businesses without water briefly. The break was caused by a damaged fire hydrant at approximately 7 p.m. on Feb. 3 near the township's pump house at the intersection of Bobcaygeon and Deep Bay roads. "The hydrant was either hit or moved by frost, but I can't confirm either," Minden Hills property and environmental operations

manager Ivan Ingram wrote in an email to the *Times*. "Although when we dug it up . . . I can confirm there was about 28 inches of frost. We were able to get the break isolated on Monday evening around 11:30 p.m."

According to Ingram, the system was flushed thoroughly.

"All four places had their water back on by midnight Tuesday," Ingram wrote. "While some residents may have encountered a bit of cloudy water throughout the system, once flushed for a few minutes the water would clear out. The water system is intact and operating fine."

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# Bear Lake Road Association growls again

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Bear Lake Road is again rearing its head, with residents of the road in Algonquin Highlands paying a visit to township councillors during their Feb. 6 meeting.

David McSkimming, president of the Bear Lake Road Association, along with Jim Hobbs and Gary Welch came requesting that the road, located near Kawagama Lake, be accessible year-round and brought up to municipal standards.

Of the 80 roads owned by the municipality, Bear Lake Road is one of five that are not maintained in the winter. It came under municipal control in 1970 and has traditionally been considered a seasonal, cottage road.

However, in recent years, more residents have begun expressing a desire to access their properties in the wintertime, with some of the newer “cottages” actually year-round homes.

There have been delegations to council in the past.

“Frankly, we’re not getting a fair shake,” McSkimming told councillors, reiterating that residents of the road don’t feel they are getting much in return for their tax dollars.

McSkimming said he and others have

contacted the township and had received “no clear response to questions regarding criteria for improved maintenance including winter maintenance or response to last delegation presentation.”

Road resident Bob Buckingham, who ran for councillor of Ward 3 in a 2011 by-election in Algonquin Highlands, had made a presentation to council in the summer of 2012.

With more than 100 residences along the road, McSkimming estimated the township receives some \$400,000 in tax revenue from residents there.

“We’re not sure why a municipal road that was built in 1970 isn’t at municipal standards already,” McSkimming told council.

It would cost someone between \$500,000 and \$700,000 to bring the road up to municipal standards.

“We’re not going away,” McSkimming reassured councillors, adding that he was prepared to talk to legal counsel.

“My personal goal is to come live up here most of the year,” Hobbs told council. “I have disabled people in my family. How do I get them up here?”

The presenters pointed out that large amounts of money had been spent on Shangri-La and McClintock roads since 2010.

“Guess what, it’s time now that you look at us, look at the fair idea of opening Bear Lake Road year-round,” Hobbs continued. “\$600,000? I paid that for my house. One guy.”

Reeve Carol Moffatt apologized on behalf of the township for not responding to the 2012 delegation, which she said it had planned to do after last year’s budget deliberations.

“I would like to apologize for our lack of response to Bob Buckingham’s presentation,” Moffatt said. “We dropped the ball there.”

The reeve explained that the township was facing a tight budget year and that Algonquin Highlands was getting close to the point where it may have to start cutting services.

The township has been unsuccessful in applying for grants for a large culvert it must replace to the tune of \$200,000.

“Those are some of the facts and factors I think need to be considered as part of this discussion,” Moffatt said. “There are too many competing financial pressures.”

Councillor Marlene Kyle, whose Ward 3 includes Bear Lake Road, said the conversation was long overdue and that the request had been ongoing for a number of years.

“We need to be listening to the people

who put us here,” Kyle said, while recognizing that the small township doesn’t have “gobs of money.”

Kyle said she wanted a working group created on the issue.

“We are the working group,” Moffatt said.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen noted that the road association was an informal one and said council needed more information and concrete numbers – just how many residents of the road are demanding it upgraded.

“We really have not seen numbers,” she said. “We need more information before we can come to any conclusion as a council.”

Danielsen, saying there was no room for Bear Lake Road in the 2014 budget, thought perhaps a long-term solution might be to create a reserve for the project, perhaps using some of the municipality’s gas tax rebate money.

Danielsen also thought the township’s road assumption bylaw needed to be reviewed and Moffatt said that insurers and lawyers would need to be consulted on any changes.

“Some of the options will be knocked right off the table,” she said.

## Pefferlaw man charged at RIDE check

A 30-year-old man from Pefferlaw, Ont. was arrested for possession of marijuana and failed a roadside screening test for alcohol when he was stopped in a RIDE check on Feb. 1.

The man was stopped on Bobcaygeon Road at Water Street in downtown Minden.

He is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on March 5.

### Noise complaint turns into impaired charge

Police charged a 25-year-old Minden Hills man with drunk driving after responding to a noise complaint on Feb. 6.

At around 1 a.m., police were called to a residence on Lutterworth Pines Road in Minden Hills because of loud music being played there.

They found a man in a running Mazda pickup truck. The man was “extremely intoxicated,” police say.

He was arrested for impaired care or con-

trol of a motor vehicle and taken to the OPP detachment for a breath test. He was then charged and will appear in the Ontario Court of Justice on March 5.

### Man arrested for stolen vehicle

A 21-year-old Algonquin Highlands man was charged with stealing a car after police caught him in Gooderham Feb. 5.

The man was driving a stolen 1998 Chevrolet Lumina with a female passenger when he lost control and crashed into a snow bank at the corner of County Road 503 and 507.

After the accident, the pair removed the licence plates and fled on foot. The driver was found shortly after by police and taken into custody.

The man was charged with theft of a motor vehicle and failing to comply with probation and was held for a bail hearing in Lindsay.



**Darren Lum** Staff

David Zilstra is the new publisher and advertising director for the *Haliburton Echo*, *Minden Times*, *Haliburton County Living* and other publications. He most recently launched *Shop and Discover* and spent several years running Barrie’s daily newspaper.

## Minden Times welcomes back publisher/ad director

The *Haliburton Echo* and *Minden Times* welcome David Zilstra back as publisher and advertising director this week.

Zilstra, who been in the publishing industry for 24 years, is part of the ownership group that includes the *Echo* and *Times* as well as *Haliburton County Living* and *Shop and Discover* among other publications.

“I look forward to continuing to grow these award-winning newspapers, which have a long history of serving this community,” he said.

He was publisher of the *Echo* and *Times* from 2005 to 2009, when he left to head the daily paper in Barrie.

Most recently, he launched the *Shop and Discover* publication, which is delivered to homes around the Haliburton County.

Although Zilstra ran the *Barrie Examiner* for several years, he and his wife Marie-lee Zahab never moved away from the Highlands.

“We both love living in Haliburton County. Marie-lee is a teacher at Stuart Baker Elementary School and I have always felt connected with the people in this area,” said Zilstra.

Zilstra is the president-elect of the Haliburton Rotary Club and is a board member for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

He said his door is always open.

“Anyone with questions or comments about any of our publications is very welcome to call me or drop by the office,” he said.

You can get in touch with Zilstra by calling 705-457-1037 extension 37.

## Dysart and Highlands East have also sent letters

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“The Ontario Trucking Association is now involved,” Moffatt said, explaining the association feels that poor highway maintenance is putting its members at risk.

The letter from Algonquin Highlands asks the premier to review the situation and immediately restore maintenance to its former level.

Prior to the Carillion contract, a six-year contract for the Huntsville district (of which the county is part) belonged to Fowler Con-

struction.

Fowler subcontracted Carnarvon’s Francis Thomas Contracting Ltd. to look after local highways and the company used five trucks, exceeding the minimum standards for Class 3 roadways.

The 10-year contract between the province and Carillion for the Huntsville district is for \$11.9 million.

Dysart et al and Highlands East have also sent letters to the province.



Players from the Highland Storm Pee-wee A team show their support for Haliburtonian Matt Duchene, who is a member of the Canadian Olympic men's hockey team with a banner signed by players from the Storm organization. The idea for the banner came from hockey mom Shannon Walker, left, and was supported by executive member Jason Morrisette, far right. With more than 200 signatures, the banner will be taken to the Olympics in Sochi by Duchene's parents Chris and Vince. Angelica Blenich Staff



# Storm sends well wishes to Duchene in Sochi

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

He is living out their dream.

Haliburton's Matt Duchene is currently in Sochi, Russia competing with the Canadian Olympic men's hockey team and the Highland Storm players want him to know they are behind him all the way.

To show their support, the minor hockey association is giving Duchene more than 200 reasons to smile as they prepare to send him a banner filled with messages from the players.

"I want him to know our kids support him," said Shannon Walker, who first came up with the idea for a banner.

Made by County Sign and Display in Minden, the banner reads Good Luck Matt Duchene and Team Canada.

It will be taken to the Colorado Avalanche player this weekend by Duchene's parents, Chris and Vince, who are flying out to Sochi to cheer on their son.

The association was careful about the wording chosen for the banner, not wanting to add extra pressure on the 23-year-old, said Storm executive member and coach Jason Morrisette.

"It's not about a medal, it's about showing that we are behind him," said Morrisette. "He supports our organiza-

tion so much."

The coach added that Duchene continues to be involved with the Highland Storm, offering his expertise to the kids in the summer.

With close to 300 kids enrolled in minor hockey, there are more than 200 signatures on the banner, with more to come in the next few days.

"They are so excited that their names were going to Russia, to Matt," said Walker, who's son Shawn plays on the Pee-wee A team. "The kids idolize him. He is literally living their dream."

# Fitness challenge harnesses Olympic Games' enthusiasm

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"It was awesome," said Meghan Reid of Just Movement Fitness. "It was fun . . . high spirited."

The ceremony was co-hosted by Reid and Lorie Kah of Physical Journeys Fitness.

An "Olympic intention thought circle" - essentially a prayer - was held "for all the Olympians, and especially Matt Duchene."

The county is abuzz with excitement that one of its own, Duchene, 23, a star with the Colorado Avalanche, is representing Canada's hockey team in Sochi.

For Kah, there is a personal connection to Haliburton's hometown hockey hero. She was Duchene's trainer for years.

A challenge was also issued at the event, one that lasts as long as the games.

"We gave out a sheet that has different tasks," Reid said. "These tasks are just things to be completed, not competed."

These tasks include wearing red, healthy eating and of course, watching the Olympics.

Sixty-nine Haliburton County residents gathered on Friday at Gord Monk Funeral Home to get in the Olympic spirit and pledge to be more active and eat healthier food. **Darby Bayley** Special to the Times







## March of the snowshoers on the trail of a moose



There were close to 25 participants who marched on trails during the Algonquin Highlands Sport for Life Guided Snowshoe Hike on Feb. 4 at the Leslie M. Frost Centre just south of Dorset on Highway 35. The group was fortunate enough to see a variety of animals signs, including moose tracks and excrement. This was part of a six-week offering. For more information see [www.algonquinhighlands.ca](http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca). Above, wildlife biologist, Mike Buss, holds up moose droppings for participants. Left, Mike Buss surveys the snowy scenery.

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

It's not every day animal waste brings a smile to someone's face.

That's exactly what happened for close to 25 participants and its guide Mike Buss, a biologist, during the Wild in Winter.

This was the third of six sessions for the Algonquin Highlands Sport for Life Guided Snowshoe Hikes last week on Tuesday.

At the Leslie M. Frost Centre, located south of Dorset, Buss gave an informative look into how animals survive the winters and the various signs to look for to identify animals.

He started with an introduction that included anecdotes and a show and tell of animal pelts such as a deer, beaver and lynx before strapping on the snowshoes for a walk in the woods.

They found not only moose poop, but also a collection of tracks, which criss-crossed the trail and the packed down area where it rested.

The excitement was palpable from not only the participants, but also Buss who smiled like a boy at Christmas.

Funding for this offering is by the Government of Ontario. See [www.algonquinhighlands.ca](http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca) for more information or call 705-766-9968 or email [drc@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:drc@algonquinhighlands.ca).



# Choosing the sweetest trees

➤ Wintergreen to host workshop for new maple syrup producers

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

There's a magic to the plink, plink, plink of sap hitting a bucket, of gathering it up and boiling it down. It's a rite of spring; a chance to getting outdoors and working alongside friends and family.

But how do you go about creating this natural transformation with the trees on your property? How do you choose the right trees to tap? What sort of equipment do you need?

The best idea is to start small and build up, says Al King, facilities manager of Camp Can-Aqua in Cardiff. Camp Can-Aqua has been making syrup for 30 years and sells about 2,400 litres each year to area grocery stores and on their property.

"My first day at work was going out tapping trees," says King, who is going into his 16th year with the camp.

"It's magical. It's spring," he said. "It's the opportunity to get outside and enjoy the outdoors. At the same time you're doing and making something."

King, along with forester and syrup producer Eleanor Reed, will be leading a workshop for the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust on starting up or expanding hobby maple syrup operations on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

King's piece will include the "how-to" portion of syrup – the equipment, the tree drilling, collecting sap and boiling it.

Reed will discuss forest management and which trees will produce the best sap.

According to Reed, the best time to assess your forest is before you start your operation. To go through later, once sap lines have

been installed, is inefficient and messy.

"It's an awareness thing that you can't just buy some forest, put some pails out ... and collect sap ... without thinking about the forest and managing it, manipulating it to keep it healthy," she said.

Besides being a forester, Reed and her husband are also maple syrup producers with a 500-tap operation west of Norland.

Like many, her interest in syrup started by helping friends with their operations and blossomed into a hobby at home.

Managing the trees in a sugar bush is one of the most neglected aspects of the hobby, Reed said. Producers should always be thinking to the future of the forest and encouraging growth, rather than protecting the biggest trees.

"If you think about trees, probably the biggest tree is the one that's going to live longest because it has the biggest crown ... that biggest tree may not be the healthiest tree. There might be a better tree that's smaller and being suppressed and shaded out," she said.

On Feb. 18, Reed will take participants on a tour of Wintergreen Pancake Barn's property in Gelert, showing people what to look for when planning a small syrup operation.

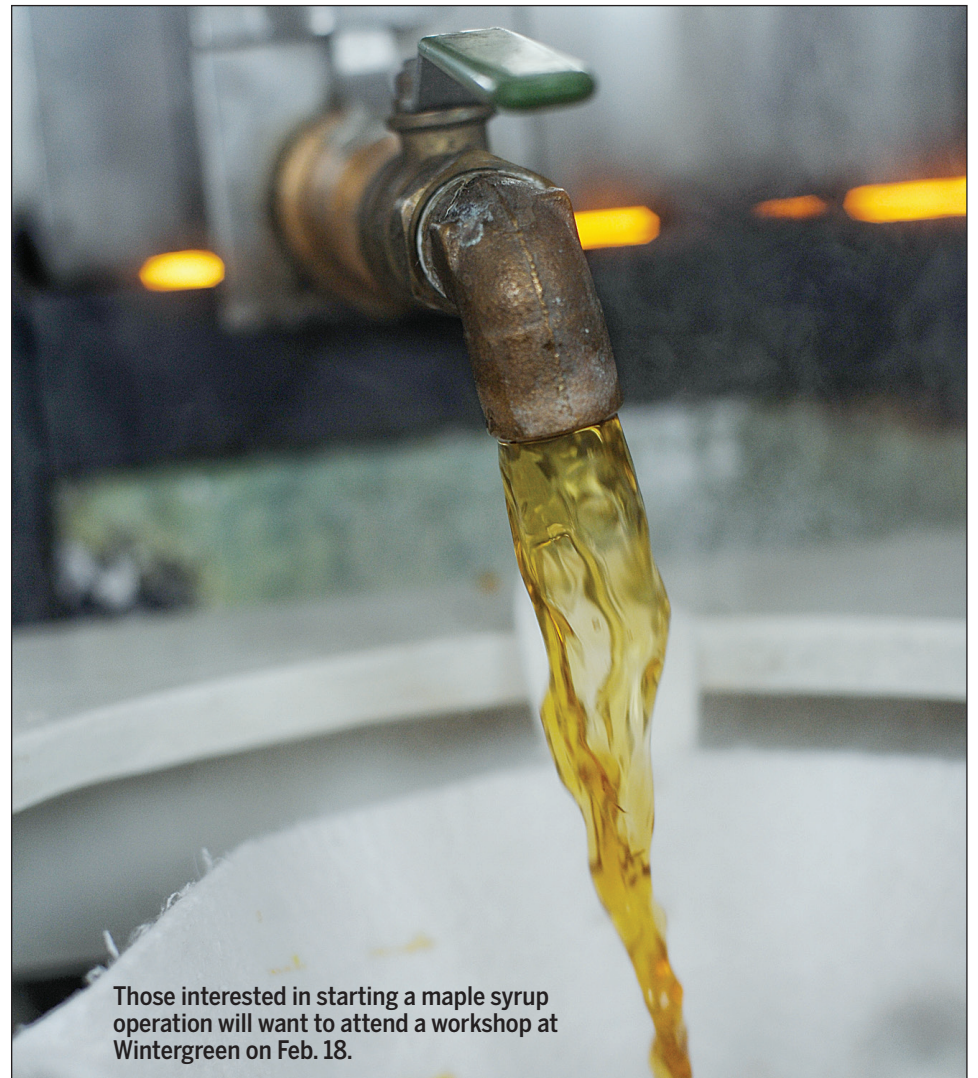
"I'll be helping people evaluate trees comparing one to another, looking for visual signs of health, vigor, disease, decay and size so that they can decide whether they need to do any preparation in their bush before they start setting up for tapping," she said.

Equipment for a 500-tap forest can be upwards of \$20,000, but that doesn't mean every producer has to spend that much.

For those who are just starting out or want to produce just a few litres of syrup a year, starter kits are available for less than \$1,000, King said.

"Always start small and get used to the process," he advises. "The process is pretty much the same [between large and small operations]."

Since Camp Can-Aqua is a distributor for



Those interested in starting a maple syrup operation will want to attend a workshop at Wintergreen on Feb. 18.

Dominion and Grimm syrup equipment, King has plenty of knowledge about that side of the business and will be sharing tips at the workshop.

Maple Syrup – Operations and Opportunities is Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pan-

cake Barn in Gelert and costs \$25 including a pancake and sausage lunch. It is part of the Land Trust's Nature in the 'Hood series. Pre-registration is required for lunch and is appreciated by Feb. 14. Register by calling Kim at admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca or 705-457-3700.

## Camp Trillium comes to Algonquin Highlands

➤ Property near Halls Lake will provide recreational space for kids with cancer and their families

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Camp Trillium, which provides summer getaway experiences for kids diagnosed with cancer and their families, will be pitching its tent in Algonquin Highlands.

Marci Shea-Perry, the camp's executive director, and director of fundraising Fiona Fisher visited township councillors at their Feb. 6 meeting.

The camp has been gifted a 400-acre property off Buckslide Road, west of Halls Lake.

The land was donated by Gord Martin. Martin purchased the property with his brothers Harry and Ken in 1950 and was the last surviving sibling.

Camp Trillium was founded in 1984 by a London-based paediatric oncologist who saw the toll cancer was taking on his young patients and their families.

"They needed a place to escape to

become kids," Shea-Perry said. "We feel that when a child is diagnosed with cancer, their whole family is devastated by the disease."

The camp has facilities on West Lake near Picton and Rainbow Lake near Waterford.

What started with a \$5,000 donation from the Oddfellows has grown into a multi-million-dollar budget.

The camps offer canoeing, kayaking, high ropes, swimming, camping and more.

"We need to grow again," Fisher told councillors. "Once again we have waiting lists."

Camp Trillium has thousands of donors, Fisher explained, adding there are a few large ones who drive much of the programming.

These include Coast to Coast Against Cancer and Maple Leafs Sports and Entertainment.

Fisher said the latter is interested in a project on Buckslide Road.

"We're not in this area and we don't know a lot of people," Shea-Perry told councillors, adding the organization had no desire to construct any huge development and that local jobs would be created.

"There's a big camper mentality in the community," Reeve Carol Moffatt said.

Eighty per cent of children diagnosed with cancer survive the disease.

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### our editorial

## Getting creative

**M**ANY MUNICIPALITIES in the province are staring down the barrel of unsustainable policing costs and by working together they should be able to come up with a solution.

"Hundreds of Ontario municipalities are concerned, and frustrated, with efforts to improve the fairness and transparency of the OPP's billing model," Russ Powers, president of the Association of Ontario Municipalities, wrote in a letter received by Haliburton County councillors last week.

It's no wonder these local governments are feeling concerned and frustrated.

The OPP sets its own staffing needs and negotiates salaries directly with the province and a new funding formula set to come into effect in 2015 would see policing costs take a meteoric jump in many municipalities, including the county.

Combined, the four townships that comprise Haliburton County would see an increase of more than \$3 million next year.

To accommodate the \$1.6 million increase Dysart et al would see, the township would have to increase property taxes by some 35 per cent.

The cost of policing would rise from about \$350,000 to \$800,000.

What is being asked of these small, cash-strapped townships is a financial impossibility.

The OPP is doing an excellent job of demonstrating how unsustainable its force is, with officers receiving an 8.55 per cent increase this year.

A first-class constable, a position attainable in three years on the job, makes more than \$90,000 a year.

The AMO has assembled a steering

committee to deal with the problem, one that the county has requested a seat on and, by the time this edition is published, will hopefully have obtained.

The AMO should do one of two things, both of which mean approaching Queen's Park for legislative change.

One: Lobby the provincial government to create a new framework for OPP costing, one that gives local governments negotiating power and input on staffing needs.

These townships know what they can afford and frankly, officers who work in small communities, where instances of serious crime are generally

lower, shouldn't be making the same amount of money as officers who work in larger communities where instances of serious crime are generally higher.

Two: The affected municipalities – there are hundreds, remember – bind together, ditch the OPP and create something new.

They could pool their resources to construct a province-wide, economically viable alternative to the OPP, pressuring the province to kick in for start-up expenses.

And this is a prime year to pressure the province, with an election likely.

The current government has done a terrible job of keeping policing costs reasonable, setting a stage ripe for political opportunism.

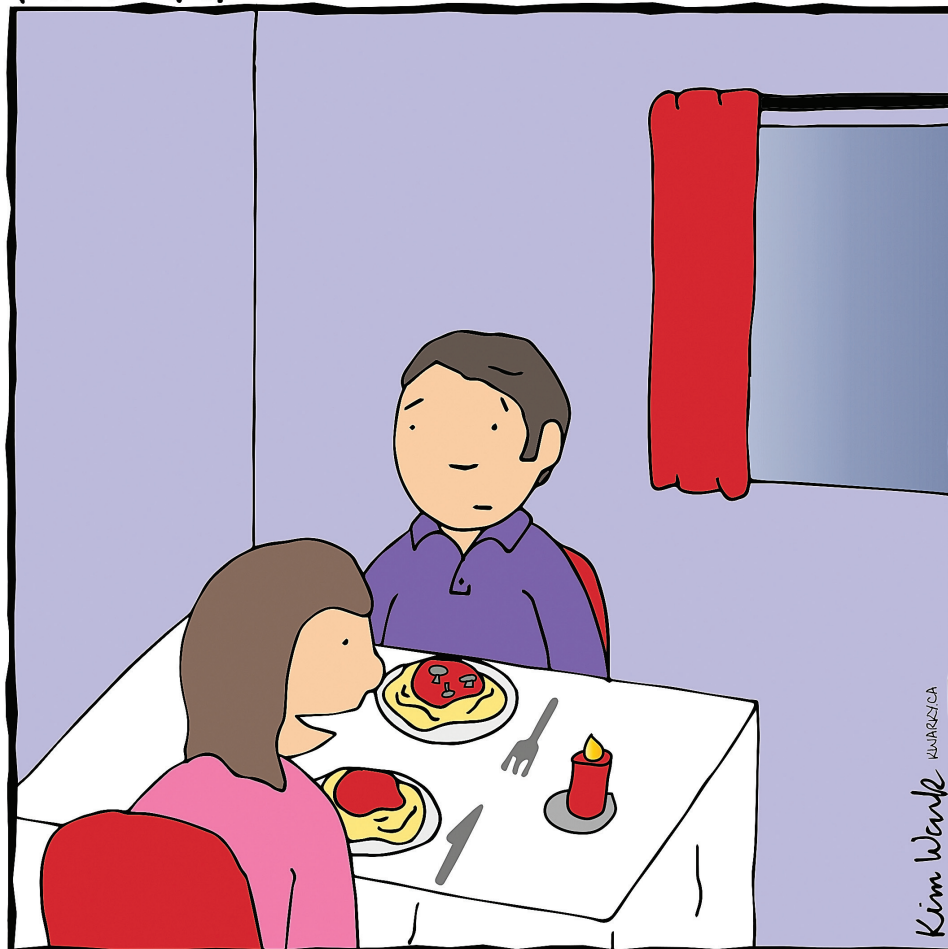
The opposition parties would do well to make mitigating these costs part of their platforms, by either reining in the OPP or fostering the creation of a sustainable alternative.

The solution to the problem with policing bills ultimately rests with the provincial legislature, but starts with the AMO.



Chad Ingram  
Reporter

## KWARKY



"NON-POISONOUS MUSHROOMS IS YOUR VALENTINE'S GIFT."

### letters to the editor

## Alternatives for intersection

### To the Editor,

Well, you should try living on Invergordon Avenue (was N. Water Street) for 44 years and making left turns onto Bobcaygeon Road almost every day! Talk about "creeping out into traffic." That's an understatement. I have written to Minden Hills township twice about putting a convex mirror at the intersection of Invergordon and Bobcaygeon roads as it is very difficult trying to view traffic through the bridge spokes – there's either snow or flowers in the way. In February 2005, I was told "the road superintendent was of the opinion that the sight lines are not the best, but it is adequate with the speed limit." These convex mirrors are prevalent in Europe and the road superintendent told me he had one at the end of his drive-

way. My guess is that it would cost about \$150.

What a reasonable price to save a fender-bender or life. I was also told that the township does not own property to put up such a sign – I did not realize the township had to own the property to put up a sign. Our family has had one collision at that corner and I have had a few near misses. The speed limit is not always abided by. Referring to Water Street, this is a small town with roads that cannot be changed, so summer traffic slows a bit, so what. Something we have to live with as we welcome summer tourists. Chad Ingram is right, if it isn't broken ...

Eleanor Hall  
Minden

## Thanks to Bantam AE team

### To the Editor,

The 2013/14 season of Highland Storm hockey is winding down for some teams and I want to take this opportunity to give a big shout out to the Bantam AE team and say thank you for an entertaining season. Although they were eliminated from any further play on Saturday night these young men and the coaching staff should be commended for a great season.

My congratulations goes out to the following young men for their play this year: Ethan Howe, Ryan Hannah, Zac Shantz, Trevor Turner, Matthew Manning, Ryan Prentice, Jon Morrison, Dylan Freake, Carter O'Neil, Alec Stoughton, Ben Schmidt, Jake Bull, Aiden Gar-

butt, Alex Wilbee, Mitch Billings, Alex Petrie, Ryan Manning, Sam Longo and Devyn Prentice.

Thanks also to the team behind the bench who gave so generously of their time this season. They are Jason Billings, Chris Rogers, Dan Garbutt, Tom Prentice Jr. and Dana Manning.

Also I want to thank the parents of the team. My family were just spectators at the games but were treated like we were part of the Bantam AE family. Thank you so much for this.

Looking forward to next season.

Diane Peacock  
Minden

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# points of view

## A Nussy-like messy

**T**HERE'S BIG NEWS on the Loch Ness front and, as a competing tourist destination, I think we should be aware of it.

In the last few days, several news sources have reported that there has not been a credible sighting of Nessie – if you discount a debunked duck – in 18 months. Some Nessie experts actually go further and say there hasn't been a credible sighting in 90 years.

This is an ominous admission. They're basically saying either that monster can hold its breath for a long time or its dead.

Don't get too excited though. No one has made that pronouncement official. But when that happens, I'm hoping they do the decent thing and at least have a memorial service for the creature that has brought so many tourist dollars to that region.

Not everyone around Loch Ness is excited by this news. The monster gave the area its identity. It drew international acclaim and tourism. It inspired

cottage industries and all sorts of other enterprises.

Right now, in fact, the only ones excited by the prospect are the area's funeral directors. Hey, when else are you going to be able to oversee a funeral with a closed casket that's 67 feet long?

All that is beside the point, however.

The upshot is that we, and a host of other regions, now have an opportunity to take over the tourism niche that Loch Ness is apparently about to give up on. With that in mind, it would behoove our own tourism group to find a Nessie of our own.

I know it sounds disingenuous but this stuff sells and brings wealth to an area. Literally millions of dollars were made off of the idea of a mythical monster over the years. It didn't matter that it was so far-fetched that only nut jobs truly believed in it. They were selling a

fantasy in Loch Ness.

People the world over like the idea that a chance to experience the unbelievable exists. That's why we go ice fishing or buy lottery tickets.

The good people of Loch Ness know this. And now it appears that they want their credibility back again.

This is a fantastic opportunity for us. All we need do is come up with something to fire up the imagination of the world and bring in the attention that

this area deserves. But we need to be hasty and get there first.

So what is the recipe for success?

What we need to do is introduce the world to a one-of-a-kind creature that would incite the world's travellers to beat a path to our doorstep. Like Nessie, it would have to be fantastic. It wouldn't hurt if it was huge, lumbering and clumsy on land too. Most of all, the

beast would have to be intriguing, elusive, unpredictable and scary.

I'd want the creature to be bordering on the verge of believable. It would have to be the subject of whispered rumours as well as old grainy photos or even a video that might actually appear credible.

It must inspire books and articles for years to come. It would have to have enough intrigue to attract a lot of television, radio and internet attention too. Whole YouTube videos would have to be devoted to it.

Most importantly, people the world over would have to associate the region with the beast for decades to come. Which brings us to the setting – it would almost certainly have to be within proximity of a big mysterious lake.

We could.... uh, never mind. Good going Toronto.

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**Steve Galea**  
Beyond 35

## Farming maple syrup

**S**INCE TIME BEFORE MEMORY, maple syrup producers have thought of themselves as farmers, when really we were hunter-gatherers all along.

We put on our hick shirts, our mackinaws, and go hunting for mature sugar maples. When we find one, we drill a hole in it and then gather the sap that bleeds out of the wound we just made.

Not much agriculture in that. No plowing, no sowing, no fertilizing, no spraying, no irritating irrigating. We might cut out some competing tree, but that is firewood harvesting masquerading as weeding.

Now that could all change if an experiment that has worked so far works out in the long term as well. Something akin to vineyards could take over from sugar bushes.

For four years now, researchers at the University of Vermont have been sucking sap out of the sawed-off tops of saplings about the size of your wrist.

My sugar maples must be at least 12 inches thick at chest height before I drill holes in them, pound spiles into the holes, and hang buckets from the spiles.

The Vermont saplings are considerably less than 12 inches at chest height, where the researchers lop off the top. They clamp a plastic bag around the stub, plug in a plastic pipeline that

leads to a vacuum pump, and they're good to go.

Switch on the pump and it turns the baby tree into a straw that sucks water through its roots right out of the ground. It picks up sugar on the way up to the pipeline and, voila, you have sap and, eventually, syrup.

You've eliminated the hunting and turned yourself into a true farmer. You plant your trees in rows 30 inches apart, skip every third row to leave yourself room to work, and fertilize and spray and irrigate to your heart's content.

There would be 6,000 saplings to the acre. The perfect setting would be the kind of abandoned farmland we have no shortage of in Haliburton County. Call it a plantation, not a forest. Nothing much to look at.

Intensity and time would be on your side. Tim Perkins, director of the university's Proctor Maple Research Centre, estimates an acre of plantation would produce 10 times as much syrup as an acre of traditional sugar bush.

As for time, it might take 60 years for a maple tree to grow to tapping size in Haliburton. A sapling might be ready for beheading in seven years.

On the other hand, the main stem

of the sapling would stop growing upward. Wounds heal, but the healing wood is dead. Six to 12 inches would have to be lopped off the top of the stem each year to uncup fresh, sap-producing wood.



**Neil Campbell**  
Back of Beyond

Six to 12 inches – my arithmetic says the sapling would produce about half a dozen crops before it was lopped down to ground level. Presumably, the farmer would treat his maple plantation as he would a worn-out hay field – plough it under and start all over again.

Or, the farmer could coppice his trees when they were young, persuading several stems to grow out of a single bottom, and lop off the top of only one stem each year. In nature, maples aren't much for coppicing.

In Vermont, the argument for sap-sucking plantations is that forest land has been priced out of the reach of expansion-minded sugar-makers.

Plantations also might be a solution to the Asian long-horned beetle, which could devastate traditional maple forests. Evidently saplings do not appeal to the invasive bugs.

The Brown Dog Jiggs and I have reached an age where we regard

change of any kind with deep suspicion. Sugar-making keeps evolving, but my evolution stopped about the time somebody invented evaporators.

But that's just me. As for the rest of you, would the plantation model change the way you think about maple syrup? It is the idea of maple syrup that appeals to Canadians as much as its taste.

Perkins, the Vermont professor, doesn't expect change to come abruptly and, if it does arrive, we'll adapt. Once we went into the woods to look for a Christmas tree. "Now the Christmas tree farm is our heritage," he says.

These are still early days for plantation maple. Promising ideas often fizzle in time. Even the researchers aren't sure how this one will turn out.

### Shame On Me

Get it first, but get it right. At any newspaper, there is no excuse for getting a name wrong, which is what I did when I wrote that Larry Gordon took the wonderful owl picture that appeared with last week's column. The last name is Murphy, not Gordon. Larry Murphy. I hang my head in shame.

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# 107 nominations roll in for business awards

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

It's a tough road ahead for the judges of this year's Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Achievement Awards, who will be sifting through lists of the county's top achievers ahead of the annual gala event Feb. 22.

In total, a record-setting 107 nominations were filed to the chamber office – 86 of them coming in just 24 hours before the deadline.

After processing each nomination form, the organization narrowed the nominees' list to manageable levels, but the underlying sentiment behind the deluge sends positive signals to chamber manager Rosemarie Jung.

"I think it's good for the community and good for growth and that sense of pride, too," she said.

"I think that's huge that our community is proud of what it has."

The awards and method of judging are the same as last year with nine categories nominated by the general public and chosen by anonymous community members.

The awards are not just for chamber members – anyone can nominate and anyone can be nominated – although in previous years a misconception led to lower participation levels.

"[That's] a total misconception because that's never been the case," said Jung.

"Lots of individuals who were non-members have been nominated throughout the years."

Jung guesses that this year's bumper crop of nominations came from better messaging and strong advertising in local media.

The top nominees in each category were released on Feb. 4, with the top three revealed early this week.

A broader spectrum of businesses and individuals were reflected this year, as well as more businesses from Minden.

The award recipients will be revealed at the annual gala event held this year at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre on Feb. 22.

"Each year we've been sold out. It speaks to that excitement, that anticipation," said Jung.

People come together to celebrate each other and the community, but also to be inspired and learn from the success of one another, she said.

Tickets are \$65 (including dinner) and can be reserved by calling the chamber office at 705-457-4700 or by emailing Lauren Hunter at Lauren@haliburtonchamber.com.

And the nominees are ...

## **Business Achievement Award**

Sponsored by: The Benefits Coach  
Baked and Battered, *Canadian Tire*, Chaulk Woodworking, David Kay Lawn Care and Property Maintenance, Gen-

erator Solutions, *Heat Line Corporation*, Ommmh Beauty Boutique, Parker Pad and Printing Ltd., *Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre*, Todd's Independent, *WAI Products*

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## **Entrepreneur of the Year**

Sponsored by: Patient News  
*Christoph Carl (Rhubarb Restaurant)*, *Alan Gordon (Haliburton RPM)*, *Craig Gordon and Colby Marcellus (Baked and Battered)*, Brandi Hewson (WAI Products), Meghan Reid (Just Movement Fitness)

## **Highlander of the Year**

Sponsored by: Lakeview Motel  
Dave Allen, Jim Blake, Shawn Chamberlain, *Bill Gliddon*, Bill Kerr, Lee and Malcolm MacLean, *Barrie Martin*, *Ted Scholtes*, *Lynda Shadbolt*, Bob Stinson, Eric Thompson

## **Innovation and Creativity Award**

Sponsored by: Haliburton County Development Corporation  
*Chaulk Woodworking*, *McBain Quarries*, SIRCH Community Services, *Up River Trading Co*, VirtualAlly, WAI Products, *Wilberforce Service Centre*

## **New Business Award**

Sponsored by: Trophy Property Corp.  
*Canadian Tire*, Momma G's Tea, *Russel Red Guest House*, *Tek Jewellers*

## **Not-for-Profit of the Year Award**

Sponsored by: Bank of Montreal  
*Abbey Gardens*, Community Care Haliburton County, Community Living Haliburton County, Haliburton ATV Association, Haliburton County Farmer's Market, Haliburton County Historical Society, Minden Community Kitchen/SIRCH Community Services, *Minden Food Bank*, Point in Time, Rotary Club of Haliburton, *SIRCH Community Services*, Volunteer Dental Outreach

## **Skilled Trades and Industry Award**

Sponsored by: Walker's Heating and Cooling Systems

*Chaulk Woodworking*, Coty Electric, Highland Park Homes, McBain Quarries, *Northern Timberhouse*, *Petrini Construction*, Rod Sission Contractor

## **Tourism and Hospitality**

Sponsored by: County of Haliburton and Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization  
Haliburton Highlands Museum, Momma G's Tea, *Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre*, *Rhubarb Restaurant*, *Sir Sam's Ski and Bike*, Up River Trading Co, WRD Cottage Rental Agency, *Yours Outdoors*

*Nominees in italics have been shortlisted for the chamber awards this year.*



## Fundraiser brings in more than \$4,000 for P4P

Building Castles for Kids Bowlathon participants had reason to cheer, as the event raised more than \$4,000 for Places for People on Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Fast Lane bowling centre in Minden. The event included two flights and close to 50 bowlers. Co-organizer and Places director Fred Phipps said more money was raised this year than last. Submitted by Rosie Kadwell

## letters to the editor

# On Water and Bobcaygeon

To the Editor,

Seems like a no brainer to me. Put in a three-way traffic light at that corner. This also makes it safer for pedestrians trying to cross in every direction at that intersection and having to guess if "that guy is suddenly going to pull out as I cross."

Walter Tose

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# County requests spot on AMO committee

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Haliburton County is requesting a seat on the OPP billing steering committee being created by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

County councillors passed that resolution during a special meeting Feb. 5. The meeting was called to deal with the debacle of drastically escalating policing costs.

A new OPP funding formula set to come into effect in 2015 would see policing costs in Algonquin Highlands increase from about \$350,000 per year to more than \$800,000, costs in Minden double from about \$1.1 to \$2.2 million and Dysart et al's police bill jump by \$1.6 million a year.

While some municipalities in the province will actually benefit from the new formula – Bancroft, for example, where police costs are now \$600 per household, will see a significant drop – many will be facing the same dire situation as the townships of Hal-

iburton County.

"Hundreds of Ontario municipalities are concerned, and frustrated, with efforts to improve the fairness and transparency of the OPP's billing model," AMO president Russ Powers wrote in a letter to the association's member townships. "AMO's board of directors recognizes that OPP costs, and the rising cost of policing in general, are concerns for all municipalities. AMO believes that we all need to pull together and work together to approach this challenge from the strongest possible position."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt believes the county needs a direct connection to the steering committee AMO is assembling.

"We need to have an aggressive, consistent, first-hand link," Moffatt said, volunteering herself as chairwoman of the county community policing advisory committee as the candidate.

County chief administrative officer Jim Wilson had provided information for councillors, such as cost comparisons with other

municipalities.

"All very helpful, but the one thing that is missing is impact on our budget," Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid said, adding that in her township, the new formula would take policing costs from approximately 20 per cent to approximately 40 per cent of its budget.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said the cost increase would be the equivalent of a 35 per cent tax increase in his township.

"We are literally going to put a lot of people at risk as to whether they can stay in their homes," Fearrey said, adding Ontario residents are already dealing with electricity costs that are set to increase by 40 per cent during the next few years.

Fearrey suggested that the treasury department look into the formula that is used to determine the county's policing needs and costs.

"What is the formula?" he asked. "Is it based on assessment? Is it based on population? How is it based?"

Reid agreed and added she thought

the last five to seven years of police cost increases within the county needed to be examined, with that information brought forth to council.

"I do have, certainly, questions about how we arrived at this allocation," Reid said. "We need to better understand the dynamics of our journey to where we're at now."

The information councillors requested will be brought forward and discussed at a special finance committee meeting scheduled for 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

The OPP determines its own staffing needs and negotiates salaries with the province. After a two-year salary freeze, this year OPP officers are receiving an 8.55 per cent raise.

According to the OPP website, from the first day of training, recruit constables are paid at an equivalent of almost \$50,000 a year.

A first-class constable, a position that can be attained after three years on the job, makes just over \$90,000 a year.

## AH residents looking at two per cent tax hike

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

It looks like residents of the township can expect a two per cent property tax increase this year.

Councillors for the township held their 2014 budget deliberations on Feb. 6 and 7.

The 2014 draft budget was prepared using the 2013 tax levy, plus two per cent, plus .77 per cent growth, treasurer Tammy McKelvey wrote in a report to council.

"Although the target was two per cent for staff to work with in developing the 2014 budget, that has been unattainable in many areas," McKelvey wrote. "The township has experienced tremendous cost increases for both heat and hydro, particularly during the cold winter we are experiencing this year. As you can appreciate winter control opera-

tions for the roads department are also very costly this year."

While two days of budget talks had left the increase at 2.1 per cent, staff were left with directions to whittle it down to two.

"We are confident that we can keep it at two," Reeve Carol Moffatt told the *Times*.

The budget of approximately \$5 million allocates nearly \$1.9 million for transportation, which includes the township's roads as well as the Stanhope Airport.

Nearly \$165,000 is budgeted for airport development, with groundwork for the future MNR base at the site getting underway.

The replacement of a culvert along North Shore Road near Maple Lake will cost approximately \$200,000, with some planned roads work being cancelled to find the cash.

"We are going ahead and doing the cul-

vert because we have to," Moffatt said, explaining the infrastructure is part of the township's asset management plan. "The culvert is so big that it's considered a bridge."

Approximately \$1.1 million is earmarked for protective services, including policing costs as well the operation of the township's three fire halls, building and bylaw costs as well as costs for emergency equipment.

Algonquin Highlands's OPP bill for 2014 is \$332,000.

"Although the OPP costs were expected to increase with the new salary rates that were negotiated, our municipality will be seeing a decrease of over \$15,000.00," McKelvey wrote.

"This has also helped with the overall cost of operations that have increased."

OPP officers are receiving an 8.55 per cent salary increase this year.

With a new OPP funding formula scheduled to come into effect next year, policing costs in Algonquin Highlands are expected to balloon to some \$800,000.

More than \$516,000 is budgeted for waste management, which includes mainly the operation of the municipality's landfills and septage lagoon.

The parks, recreation and trails department is budgeted at \$470,000, planning and development at approximately \$75,000 and cemeteries at \$4,700.

Council voted to allot \$20,000 for a nurse practitioner facility in Dorset should a community project there proceed.

Township staff will receive a 1.5 per cent cost-of-living increase.

The budget will be passed at a regular meeting of council.

## AH to enter agreement with Peterborough health unit

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Along with Minden Hills, it looks like Algonquin Highlands township will be entering into a three-year agreement with the Peterborough County City Health Unit to provide septic inspections in the municipality.

Councillors made the decision to move forward with a contract at their Feb. 6 meeting.

Last year, the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit announced it would no longer be performing inspections, leaving the responsibility with lower-

tier townships.

However, in mid-December, along with its counterparts in the county, Algonquin Highlands received a letter from the PCCHU offering its services.

In January, the health unit met with reps from Algonquin Highlands, Minden Hills and Highlands East.

While it would ideally want at least three of the county's four townships onboard to proceed, the unit has said it would move ahead with an agreement with a minimum of two of the townships.

"They're in the business now and they feel they can provide the service," chief administrative officer Angie Bird told councillors.

According to the PCCHU, the fees charged to homeowners would be equal to or less than the ones charged by HKPR.

A satellite office would be set up in the county, with two inspectors dedicated to the area.

The program is legislated to be cost-neutral.

HKPR had originally indicated it would cease inspections at the beginning of 2014, but has extended that deadline.

The PCCHU would be ready to provide service beginning July 1.



**They're in the business now and they feel they can provide the service.**

— Angie Bird  
Chief administrative officer



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### Waste not, want not

Above, Marcie Mandel tries her hand at hooking for the first time at the Waste Not Want Not Symposium at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Feb. 8. The day-long event encouraged participants to try crafts like hooking and quilting, using recycled materials such as sweaters cut up into strips (shown).

Top right, Gail Leach-Wunker hand stitches a square for a quilt at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Feb. 8. Part of the Waste Not Want Not Symposium the event featured refurbishing workshops in the morning and guest speakers and demonstrations throughout the day.

Middle right, Bonnie Ehmann, front, works on a floral pattern for a chair cover at the Waste Not Want Not Symposium on Feb. 8. A hooker for close to 40 years, Ehmann learned the craft from her mother and grandmother and helped teach first-timers at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. More than 20 ladies participated in the symposium, which taught refurbishing methods such as hooking and quilting, using materials such as wool, cotton and silk.

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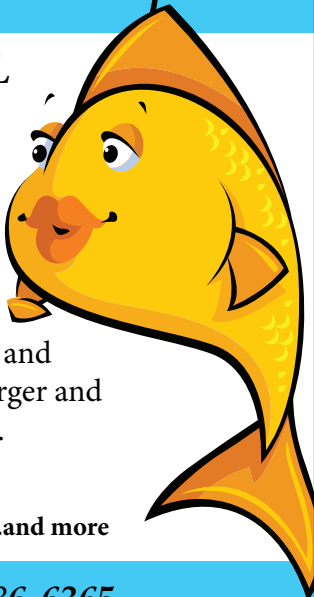
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# Girls Storm pushes to finals

The Minden Car Quest Midget B girls hockey team travelled to Huntsville/Burks Falls this weekend to participate in the Huntsville Sting Tourny.

The girls rebounded Friday night in their first game with energy and focus in an up-tempo effort against the Zorra Fusion. Their rust from the winter holiday lay-off disappeared (dropping two games to Keene and Ennismore) as they stepped up their team play and effort; moving their feet, making smart decisions, completing crisp passes and playing aggressively in all areas of the ice. Alicia McLean opened the scoring in the second period after a tightly contested first period. Zorra tied the game mid-way through the second period. Kelsey Maracle tallied with three unanswered goals in the second and third frames; her hat-trick making the difference in the 4-1 win. Great rebound effort girls!

The Storm Midget girls took on the Ice Cats from Clearview Saturday afternoon in Huntsville. The fast skating Ice Cats challenged the Storm on the large ice surface at the Summit Centre but a gritty battle by the Highlands squad kept the game close. Mid-way through the second period after a sustained attack in the Clearview end, Jamie Little's wrister from the point found its way into the back of the net past the screened Ice Cat tender. The Storm continued to battle the Clearview club the remainder of the game and Connor Marsden turned away and stopped all Ice Cat opportunities to get the shut out win. Final score 1-0. The win put the Highland Storm Midget girls into the finals on Sunday afternoon.

On Sunday afternoon, the Storm girls took to the ice at the Huntsville Summit Centre to battle the Zorra Fusion for the Midget B division Championship in the Huntsville Sting Tourny. The game was a rematch from Friday night but this time, the stakes were much higher. Maddie Billings opened the scoring early in the first period finishing a nice rush with a wrister that beat the Fusion tender high glove. Zorra was not put off by the early lead of the Highland Storm. With less than a minute in the first period, the Fusion tied the game after creating a turnover in the Storm end finishing it off with a period tying goal.

Two scoreless periods of exciting hockey followed, resulting in a tied regulation game needing overtime. The sudden death five minute, four-on-four overtime left the game tied. The pre-selected shooters for both clubs were all stopped by their opposing tender. A fourth was needed, and then the fifth. Kennal Marsden went backhand - forehand and beat the Fusion goal high glove, while Connor Marsden stoned the Zorra's fifth and final shooter at the same time. Excitement followed as the Highland Storm Midget B girls flooded the ice celebrating the Championship 2-1 shoot-out win in the Huntsville Sting's 37th annual tournament. Great weekend effort girls! Get ready for our league play wrap-up with the first and second place clubs of Ennismore and Cold Creek this weekend on the road. The same focus, team play and energy will be needed as we move into play-offs and provincial play-downs. Keep the "storm" fuelled girls as we finish up the year.

The Minden Car Quest Highland Storm Midget B girls travelled to Pickering Saturday night to play their second game in their first round best of three series against the Durham West Lightning. Maddie Billings was back in the line-up moving our roster back to 11 skaters. The Storm started the game a little flat, but with the Lightning taking some early

penalties, our squad was able to jump out to an early lead late in the first period with a power-play goal from Maddie Allore's point shot. Midway through the second period, Sydney Feir finished off a beauty pass from Erin Little off a two-on-one rush to give the Storm a two-goal margin that would prove



Angelica Blenich Staff

The Highland Storm Pee wee A team took on the Gananoque Islanders in the quarter-finals on Feb. 8 at the S.G. Nesbitt arena. The Storm team won both of their games against Gananoque this past weekend and will face the team again this upcoming weekend.

to be the difference in the game. With Durham West continuing their undisciplined play, numerous power-play advantages resulted for the Storm. Erin Little capitalized with the Lightning being short-handed late in the second period and went short side off the post with a "puck eyes" wrister that beat the Lightning tender for a 3-0 lead. The Lightning never gave up, continuing to apply pressure, and early in the third period spoiled Connor Marsden's shut-out bid with a goal-mouth scramble tally. The Storm battled back and kept their cool the rest of the game with a focus for their second round series. Durham West pulled their goalie late in the third trying to claw back on the scoreboard but Alicia McLean put the game away as she fought off two Lightning defenders, skating the length of the ice, securing the win with an empty net goal. Final score 4-1 Highland Storm. Great first round series girls! Get ready for round two where we will take on the first place Ennismore Eagles remember the commitment to team play in our 0-0 season ending tie with the Eagles on the road. We will need to match this effort in our next round to continue to advance to the league finals.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

## Pee wee A team needs one win

Gananoque came to Minden and Haliburton to play on Saturday and Sunday and while they played a fast game the Highland Storm Dollo's Foodland Pee wee A team took their level of play up a couple of notches winning both games. Gananoque was strong in the first period of Game One in Minden but the Highland Storm held them off and started to outplay them in the second period. Going into the third period scoreless with great goaltending by Carson Sisson, the Storm finally scored with a goal by Lucas Haedicke who shot from behind the net putting the puck off the goalie's leg and back into the net. Haedicke put a second goal in a few minutes later with an assist by Ryan Hall and ended the game with a hat-trick shooting the puck from the Storm's own zone all the way into Ganon-

oque's empty net with the clock ticking the final seconds.

Game Two in Haliburton on Sunday saw the Highland Storm get an early lead in the first period with a goal by Owen Gilbert on a two on one where he faked a shot and then deked the defenceman and put in a shot high on the goalie's blocker side. Gananoque tied up the game in the second period with a low shot through traffic in front of the Storm goal. Late in the second period the Storm had huge pressure on Gananoque and with the play in Gananoque's end numerous shots were made. The puck came back toward the blue line and Alex Little seized the opportunity for a long shot that ended in the net. Up 2-1 the Storm did not let up and had many chances. In the final minute Gananoque removed their goalie to play the extra skater and came close but the Storm defence was ferocious and kept them from getting an opportunity to put a shot into the Storm net. The Dollo's Highland Storm Pee wee A team travels to Gananoque next weekend needing only one more win to advance to the Pee wee semi-finals.

Submitted by Larry Bukta

## Second round of playoffs for Atom A

First round of the playoffs have begun. Our series began against the Parry Sound Shamrocks in Parry Sound on Jan. 26. The Peppermill Highland Storm Atom A team started off with a bang and Tim Turner popped one in with only four minutes remaining in the first period. Parry Sound was out for blood! In the second Tyler Martin was showing Parry Sound who was boss scoring twice assisted by Joe Boice and Cole Prentice. The score was 3-0 to start the third and the boys were determined to keep their lead. Then Joe Boice popped one in assisted by Tyler Martin to make it 4-0. The game ended in a 5-0 shutout for Dylan Keefer as Alex Little smoothly put another passed the goaltender.

Our second game of the series was in our home barn on Jan. 31 and it was great

to have such a big crowd out to cheer the boys on! Joe Boice started the scoring off to put the team on the board first! Parry Sound was not going down without a fight. The Shamrocks scored with only two minutes remaining in the first and then out of nowhere Aaron Bellefleur assisted by Cole Prentice sniped a quick one with 35 seconds left on the clock. It was a very intense first period.

At 9:50 into the second period Tim Turner and Cole Prentice lined up another to make it 3-1 for the Storm. Then the line of Joe Boice, Tim Turner and Tyler Martin working like a "fine oiled machine" put another on the board for the Storm. It was one nice play after another and Alex little showed us a beautiful work of art to bring the score to 5-1 and to solidify the win. Jake Sisson and Cody Martin finished off the scoring with a nice play with only 43 seconds remaining in the second. There was no scoring in the third, just great action!

Our third game was again in the home barn on Feb. 3 with an awesome crowd watching on. The scoring was led by a great team of snipers; Joe Boice, Tyler Martin, Tim Turner, Alex Little, Aaron Bellefleur followed up by many passes and defensive plays on the part of Cody Martin, Colin Glecoff, Jake Sisson and Brenden Newhook. Another great game ending in a 9-2 win for the Peppermill Highland Storm Atom A team.

Now we are off to Gananoque to start the second round of playoff action on Saturday, Feb. 15 and 16 and back in town the weekend of Feb. 22 so stay tuned and come out and support us if you can! Keep up the great work boys!

Submitted by Kathy Martin

## Bantam AEs end season

The Highland Storm Bantam AEs, sponsored by Tom Prentice Trucking, continued their best-of-five playdown with the Huntsville Otters this past weekend. Following the first two games, the difference between the two teams was razor thin with both teams winning on the other's home ice.

Game three was set for Thursday night  
see WASN'T page 12



# Wasn't meant to be for Bantam team this season

from page 11

in Haliburton and on this night, our boys did not disappoint the hometown crowd. The Storm came out fast and furious putting pressure on the Otter defence from the first puck drop. Midway through the period Ryan Prentice's shot from the point created havoc in front of Huntsville's net. Ryan Manning and Alec Stoughton crashed the net and Stoughton stuffed it past the Otter goalie. With under a minute left in the period, Devyn Prentice deftly swept the puck in on a wrap-around to take a 2-0 lead. In the second period, Mitch Billings took a feed from Ryan Manning off the side boards and sniped it, top shelf, short-side to take a commanding lead into the third. Huntsville gave the crowd pause when they scored in the first minute of the third to bring it back to within two but Trevor Turner made no mistake off of Ben Schmidt's beautiful pass on a 2-on-1 to secure the win, 4-1.

On Friday, the squad travelled to Huntsville to play on the big ice at the Don Lough arena. It took a bit to get used to the wider surface and the team spotted Huntsville two quick goals before they really got rolling. With under a minute left in the second, the Storm capitalized on a power-play to bring it back to within one. Off the draw, Mitch Billings tied up the puck and Alex Petrie directed it towards the goalie. Ben Schmidt found the rebound and deposited it into the back of the net. In the third, it was all Storm, but the Huntsville goalie was stellar. With under a minute left, the Storm pulled their goalie and threw everything they had at the net. It was an exciting finish but unfortunately the boys couldn't tie it up which set up a game five on Saturday night in Minden.

Some nights you've got it and other times the magic is elusive. Although the effort was there, the puck wasn't and our boys found themselves behind 3-0 by the end of the second. In the third, Alex Petrie stole the puck from behind the net and fed Ben Schmidt in front to give the boys a chance but, on this night, it was not meant to be.

And so ends another season for our boys. Thanks goes to the coaching staff of Jason Billings and Chris Rogers, our trainers, Tom Prentice and Dan Garbutt and to our ever-excellent manager, Dana Manning for volunteering so many hours to the betterment of these boys. The lessons learned this year go far beyond the game and all of you deserve credit for teaching our boys skills that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. Thank you.



Darren Lum Staff

A shot is taken during the weekly shuffleboard offering at the Stanhope Community Centre through the Stanhope Senior Shuffleboard Club on Tuesday, Feb. 4. For the past 28 years, the club has been playing gathering to play the game that has been around hundreds of years.



George Hamilton laughs during the weekly shuffleboard offering at the Stanhope Community Centre through the Stanhope Senior Shuffleboard Club on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

# Nobody wants to be in the kitchen

Darren Lum  
Staff reporter

A light cold wind blows outside, but a warm hush falls over the group, watching the end to a shuffleboard game.

Even if little is at stake except for points to a year-end trophy, the 15 or so players who came last week for the Stanhope Senior Shuffleboard Club's weekly offering at the Stanhope Community Centre watch intently to see if the winning shot was made.

The club is made up of 20 retirees who hail from across Haliburton County. Several were away, spending time down south in Florida.

They all love to play.

Some do it because they can't play anything else due to aging bodies while others just come for each other. Some actually just come for the coffee and homemade treats.

Shuffleboard's origins are steeped in mystery, dating back at least 500 years.

The game is an amalgam of curling, croquet, billiards and bocce and has the centre of the club's weekly existence for 28 years.

Little is needed except for a cue stick, discs and the playing court, which is comprised of two ends with a triangle that has numbered spaces.

Nobody here wants to be in the kitchen the widest portion at the bottom of the triangle. The kitchen is where you lose 10 points in the scoring triangle.

Players take turns shooting their discs.

Any disc that is on the line at the conclusion of the end doesn't count.

For the indoor surface this group sprinkles cornmeal on the playing area while beads are used for the outdoor surface.

Teams are usually two aside, but today Pearl Cowen is playing alone.

Cowen, who organizes the indoor and outdoor games, dismisses the notion she is the one to beat despite every member praising her skills and dominance.

There's no secret, she said.

"You got to take them out," she said, referring to the opposing team's discs.

Points are tallied after each end until eight ends are completed.

For all the differences in this group that is the one constant among the members.

It's their passion for the game and the love for each other.

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# Hawks' offensive onslaught overwhelms

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

The Hawks are looking to the playoffs after a solid start all but assured a victory against the visiting Crestwood Secondary School Mustangs on Thursday, Feb. 6 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

A small group of fans were entertained by an explosion of four goals, which included two from forward Tyler Barry, in a span of four minutes in the first period.

Red Hawks coach Ron Yake said this early lead was crucial to the victory.

"It's important to start games strong. You can win games in the first period and we basically did. We had a great strong first period. It got them frustrated a little bit," he said.

The frustration helped lead to penalties and power play opportunities for the Hawks.

Crestwood would end up with nearly three times as many penalties.

After sheer dominance, the Mustangs found some momentum with two consecutive goals, one at the end of the first and one at the start of the second. It was taken away with a penalty caused in large part by the Hawks' speedy and shifty defenceman Tanner Hamilton, who scored the opener and plays with an antagonistic flair that bothers opponents.

"Playing with discipline, playing smart ... we've got some skilled players," Yake said. "Tanner is a skilled player that sometimes gets opponents upset. That's the discipline part of hockey. If they want to win hockey games they can't get upset at that and stay focused on a 4-2 game."

An insurance marker by Hawks forward Jake Bursey all but eliminated any chances of a comeback with his eventual game-winner.

Yake is very happy with his penalty killing, as it was part of the team's focus from the start of the year. Although the power play could be better, he is happy with how it has improved over the season.

The Hawks have one game left against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons. A win will give HHSS first place in the division one Kawartha High School Hockey League.

The Hawks will play either the I.E. Weldon Wildcats or the top team from division two, the Thomas A Stewart Griffins. They are assured of home ice advantage.

As of Thursday, the team was ahead of the second place St. Peter's Saints, who had a game in hand, by three points.



**Darren Lum** Staff

Red Hawks defenceman Jake Sisson looks for an outlet pass during a 9-4 win at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Thursday, Feb. 6. The Hawks have one game before playoffs and are assured of a top-two finish.

Yake downplayed the lopsided score.

He said all teams, the Mustangs included, are competitive teams, but he knows the advantage of home ice for the Hawks.

"It's tough for any team to play us in this rink," he said.

**Hawks notes:** Curtis Ballantyne finished with two goals and an assist while teammate Devon Upton scored a hat-trick.

## Carving Hawks medal at Kawartha tournament

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

The Red Hawks snowboarding team proved a formidable force at the snowboarding Kawartha Championships on Friday, Feb. 7 at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike centre in Eagle Lake.

The team took four of the top three spots in the boys' and the girls' fields.

Grade 11 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student athlete Robin Hogarth came first in the girls' field and finished with the top time overall with a combined 59.69 time for two runs.

She edged out the top boy from Fenelon Falls Secondary School, Braedon Ryall, who finished with a combined time of 60.17.

Her older brother Jack Hogarth came second at 60.48 while teammate Jesse Davis finished in third.

The Red Hawks' Hunter McTeague rounded out the toptthree in the girls' field in third.

The small field that included only competitors from three schools (HHSS, Fenelon Falls Secondary School and Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute) enabled every competitor who completed the course to advance to the upcoming Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championships Feb. 14 at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike centre at Eagle Lake.

Along with Haliburton Highlands Secondary School faculty, the Environmental Special High School Major students helped with the event.

Red Hawks snowboarder Joshua Rowden, who finished in eighth place, prepares for the next gate at the Kawartha snowboarding competition on Friday, Feb. 7 at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike Centre in Eagle Lake.

**Darren Lum** Staff



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The Minden LCBO will be **CLOSING** on **Feb. 22 at 4 pm** to complete renovations and repairs as a result of the flood last spring.

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# Sheri Hawkins and the Tuba Divers offer a twist



## Legion br. 636

The entertainment at Minden Legion this coming Saturday night will be Sheri Hawkins and the Tuba Divers, featuring the rockin' sound of Haliburton's unique band with Daniel Manley on the tuba. For a twist on the humdrum, bring your Valentine sweetie out for the evening from 7 to 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$8.50 at the door, and there will be pub-style food available. Last Saturday afternoon the food was excellent, with pulled pork on a bun with sauce and fries. The Highlands Trio was at its finest, play-

ing for a large appreciative audience, and we even had to set up more chairs in the lounge. There was an open set for anyone who wanted to showcase their talent and a gentleman from down east was a hit, playing on the harmonica.

Legion members are great volunteers for the community and the branch. Our volunteer team that day was Joan, Mike, Helen, Sonny and Roy thank you all.

Mark your calendars, the Highlands Trio will be back again on Saturday afternoon, March 22. If you have a musical talent you can bring your own instrument that day as there will once again be an open session between sets.

The branch extends its apologies to the public for the unexpected closure of last

Sunday's sports afternoon. Our volunteers have all been filling in during the week for the regular bartender Lois McKnight who is off with an injury from shovelling snow, and none were available to do the additional Sunday activity. And speaking of snow, if you have any plans for this Saturday, you should be aware that Minden is sending a team to District Cribbage in Port Perry. The last two times our teams played out of town, Mother Nature dumped a lot of snow on the travellers!

If you are a member of Minden Legion and you like to play darts, the sign-up sheet is at the bar for mixed darts (two-man, two-woman team) on March 29 in Lindsay. Minden Legion has set aside some financial assistance to help with travel and registra-

tion costs when our members represent the branch at zone and district sports. Most of our activities are open to the public, but you must be a paid-up member to represent the branch at these sports events. Every member, whether or not they want to play Legion sports activities, should check their membership card to make sure their dues are paid for 2014.

Bar chairman Al Mayo extends his thanks to all our volunteer bartenders who have stepped in to help during Lois' absence. Minden Legion is actively looking for a replacement bartender for an undetermined length of time. If you have a valid Smart Serve certificate, please leave a message for Al at the branch: 705-286-4541

# Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival kicks off Friday night

**Melissa Alfano**  
Dorset News

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Watch your mailbox for the "hot off the press" Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival brochure and schedule.

The carnival kicks off on Friday night with the family skating party at the outdoor rink, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., music, hot chocolate and hot dogs for all (veggie dogs available). Sat-

urday starts off at 8 a.m. with the all you can eat pancake breakfast followed by a plethora of activities for the whole family all day.

For more information, visit [www.dorsetsnowball.com](http://www.dorsetsnowball.com) or call the rec centre at 705-766-9968.

Volunteers are needed for Snowball! We

need helpers for pony rides, button and souvenir sales and clean up. If you are interested or would like more information, please call 705-766-9968.

There will be no Dorset ladies night in February. See you again March 11!

There will be a Dorset recreation committee meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact the rec centre at 705-766-9968.

There will be a Dorset community policing meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dorset rec centre. For more information, contact Doug at 705-766-9070.

The Dorset Community Partnership Group is hosting a meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 7 to 9 p.m.

You are invited to come hear an update on projects, Fund Group AGM, nurse practitioner station up date, new fire chief, YWCA project from Susan Lovell, question and suggestion period. Bring a friend! Come out and support our community!

It's an opportunity for you to have input and keep up to date on what's going on in Dorset and area.

The next foot clinic at the Dorset Rec Centre takes place on Wednesday, Feb. 26. Call Marie at 705-766-2773 for more information or to book an appointment.

The Dorset Lions Club is hosting their annual complimentary seniors dinner for Dorset area residents ages 50+ on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. Please RSVP by Feb. 19 by calling Gail at 705-766-9558.

Make a difference and become a VON SMART program volunteer! The SMART (seniors maintaining active roles together) program is looking for volunteers to lead group class and in home gentle exercise programs for community members 55+.

No previous experience required - training and support are provided. For more information, contact Michelle Armstrong at 1-800-565-4145, extension 225.

Birthday wishes for Feb. 9 to 15 go out to Julie Mealus, Esther Fortney, Kyle Jones, Sarina McKey, Jordyn Nash, Gail Hope, Gino Ballestrin and Sky Boughen.

Be sure to give me a call or drop me a line to send special wishes to your loved ones. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun and celebrate your special day!

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my home email address, which is [malfano@hotmail.ca](mailto:malfano@hotmail.ca) or give me a call at home at 705-766-0076.

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# CarQuest trophy goes to Connell team

The CarQuest of Minden Senior Men's Invitational Bonspiel was held on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at the Minden Curling Club. There were 12 teams from eight different clubs.

With the highest point total the winner of the CarQuest Trophy was the team from Haliburton skipped by Dave Connell, vice Dan Busby, second Case Bassie, and lead John Childs.

The Minden Curling Club and all who participated would like to thank CarQuest of Minden owners Andy and Christa Rickard for sponsoring this event.

The draw winners were:

First Draw

1st Dave Connell, Haliburton

2nd Dave Millington, Minden

Tied

3rd John Henson, Bobcaygeon

Ted Wilkes

Second Draw

1st Mike Smith, Uxbridge

2nd Murray Cooper, Minden

3rd Norton Garry, Minden

-Submitted by Ken Spicer

- Photo by Gord Sheehan



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## The Annual Haliburton/Minden Curling Club Bonspiel

Minden Curling Club hosted the second leg of this bonspiel on January 14. Haliburton Curling Club won the bonspiel by a total points spread of 2. Linda Easton, sponsor of the bonspiel, presented the ValuMart trophy to Haliburton curlers Darrel O'Neil, Emily LaRue, Donna Smith, Dave Luke. The overall winners of the Minden portion of the bonspiel was the team of Gord Sheehan, Jane Boyd, Pat Woodcroft and Sandy Bell.

Second place was the Minden rink of Winn Taylor, Dave McClory, Linda Lambert

Third place was the Haliburton rink of Darrel O'Neil, Emily LaRue, Donna Smith, Dave Luke.

Rod Pearson and Donna Smith, both from the Haliburton Curling Club won the 50/50 draws. Submitted by Gord Sheehan

## Coming Events

## Fast Lane Bowling Scores

Mon./Feb3/14

Men.

High avg. Ken Thompson 211

High single. Ken Thompson 256

High single hdcp. Ken Thompson 258

High triple. Ken Thompson 656

High triple hdcp. Ken Thompson 692

Ladies.

High avg. Chris Cote 193

High single. Anna Shuster 165

High single hdcp. Anna Shuster 233

High triple. Anna Shuster 418

High triple hdcp Solveg Stout 672

Tues. Feb. 4/14

Men.

Claude Cote 203

High single. Ken Thompson 278

High single hdcp. Ken Thompson 300

High triple hdcp. Ken Thompson 685

High triple hdcp. Ken Thompson 751

Ladies.

High avg. Chris Cote 189

High single. Rae Shepherd 177

High single hdcp. Johanna Hayward 241

High triple. Johanna Hayward 470

High triple hdcp. Johanna Hayward 680

Fri. Feb. 7/14

Men.

see BOWLING page 16

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## Bowling scores continued

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High triple. Ken Thompson 665  
High triple hdcp Ken Thompson 725  
Ladies.  
Highs avg. Chris Cote 191  
High single. Netty Alexander 215  
High single hdcp. Netty Alexander 297  
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Thanks, Ken.

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# Exercising creativity in the kitchen

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Around the Town

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Here at the old farmhouse the Olympics play out on the screen while light snow continues to fall.

Thankfully Jake the tuxedo cat has finally put aside his new found celebrity status after his headline in last week's *Minden Times* and no longer demands special treatment.

Looking back over my 2013 "ah ha moments" even at this advanced age there was a surprising discovery of an exciting kitchen product - parchment paper.

Parchment paper, also known as baking paper, is heavily coated with silicone. An alternative to greasing or wax paper, it can withstand high temperatures and resist grease and best of all there is no cleanup required.

Originally made from animal skins such as sheep or lamb, parchment was used for drawing, calligraphy and certificates however today's hassle-free version is readily available on local grocery store

shelves.

According to my Internet search on "Buzzle" the next step along my culinary journey is the papillote style of traditional French cooking.

Apparently items are placed between the sealed edges of two layers of heart shaped parchment paper to be steamed or baked. Shades of our trip to Paris. Impressive as this sounds at this point I probably will continue to limit dinner entrees to Shake and Bake chicken and Pillsbury Wiener Wraps without having to resort to using a disposable cookie sheet.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount is holding a Valentine's youth/family karaoke-dance this Saturday, February 15 from 6 to 9 p.m.

The cost is \$2 for ages up to 18 years and \$5 for adults. After 9 p.m. there will be an age of majority karaoke dance for adults at a cost of \$5.

The following weekend on Sunday, Feb. 23 from 1 to 5 p.m. it will be an open mike jamboree featuring Scott Gartshore and Dirt Road with an admission charge of \$7. The monthly big bucks bid euchre goes on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 11 a.m. with a \$10 fee that includes lunch.

The Friends of the Kinmount Library's monthly book sale will be this Saturday, Feb. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level of the branch.

The most recent issue of the *Kinmount Gazette* lists Feb. 20 as Clean Out Your Bookcase Day so remember that donations of books (no magazines or texts please) can be put in the marked receptacle for these book sales which support local library programs. For more details on branch happenings call 705-488-3199.

The annual fundraiser for the Victoria Pony Club will have a different format this year.

On Saturday, March 1 it will be Trivia Night with both a loonie and country auction plus trivia contests at the fully accessible Galway Hall.

There will not be a dinner but pizza will be served later in the evening. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for a 7 p.m. start.

Tickets are \$10 and available from any Pony Club member/family or by contacting Guy Scott at 705-488-3182 or Julie Austin at 705-488-2291.

The club has grown to 18 members ranging in age from seven to 19 years and their successes in competition has been

very impressive. For general information on the club give Guy a call.

The Olympic theme will be evident throughout Kinmount Winterfest on Sunday, Feb. 23.

Get a head start the night before by dressing up in your finest for the Community Snowflake Ball at the Kinmount Community Centre on Saturday, Feb. 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Community Centre Board of Management there will be family fun for all with a snack bar by donation. Sunday morning from 8 to 11 a.m. it's pancake breakfast time at the community centre with the events throughout the day up at the arena/fairgrounds including the Crazy Canucks Fashion Show, public skating, chili contest, horse-drawn sleigh rides, games and displays.

The fabulous Downhill Dash cardboard toboggan race will offer a prize for the best decorated sled sporting an Olympic theme but remember helmets are mandatory.

Grandson Ben turned 10 this past week and announced proudly to his Dad that he was "double digits" now. Until next week...

## County card scores

February 4 contract bridge at Club 35: Sandy McKay led at 4,980 then Heather Lindsay 4,400 and Ross Davies 3,910. Ross Pawson and Jim Burrows teamed up for a Small Slam while Pearl Foster won the draw and Doug McIntosh received the Shiny Penny.

February 4 contract bridge at Minden United Church: The high scoring trio members were Jan Heaven 4,330, Julie Gray 3,930 and Diane James 3,270. Nancy Ballantyne reminds that new players or those wishing to upgrade their skills can receive assistance from Jan Heaven at this 9 a.m. event.

February 4 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: In top spot at 396 was our reporter Pearl Cowen going solo with Jean Randell and George Hamilton next at 373. Joan Bell and Ray Lymer teamed up for third place at 359 while Eleanor Lymer partnered with Dorene Elstone posted the afternoon's low of 168.

February 4 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Barb Carpenter reports that for the gents Harold Harvie was high and Gene Newell low with Betty Hicks high lady and Shirley Davis low. Gord Darby won for most lone hands and Helen Burk for the special prize.

February 4 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Pat Dickson 309, Jean Scadden 306, Bev John-

son 296, Theresa Deak 248 while for the gents Phyllis Windsor was first at 263 followed by Ida Young 258, Bob Pollard 241 and Howard Smith 231. The major draw prize went to our reporter Betty Wagar with Bev Johnson, Tom Grix and Pat Dickson claiming the smaller rewards. In the moonshot department Pat Norman, Dorothy McElwain, Bev Johnson and Albert Foster had singles with Clare Obdam and Marcel Roussel each taking two.

February 5 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Peter O'Connor and Ross Fletcher led at 64 percent followed by Jan and Dave Heaven 62 percent. At 59 percent Kathie Porter partnered with Rob Eaton came third while our bridge reporter Muriel McIntosh and Diana Spicer were fourth at 53 percent.

February 6 euchre at Minden Legion: May Bradbury reports that Bev Johnson and Murray Daniels took lone hand honours with Muriel McIntosh and Tom Grix posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Pearl Cowen and Doug McIntosh while Murray Daniels, Bev Johnson, Theresa Deak, Pearl Cowen and Muriel McIntosh took home the other prizes.

February 6 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: First for the ladies at 314 was Karin Harrison then Betty Wagar 312, Marcy Morgan 300 and Vi Howell 263.

Leading the gents at 274 was Marcel Roussel followed by John Deak 271, Albert Foster 250 and Clare Obdam 248. Maria Tschida held the hidden score, Jason Peacock won the "call 1" hand and Muriel McIntosh plus Pat Scadden took the moonshots. Thanks to Bev Johnson for this report.

February 7 bid euchre at Club 35: Jean Dutka reports that for the pinks Dorene Elstone led at 210 with a tie at 191 for second place between Penny Elliot and Pat Marshall then Margaret Oetelaar third at 189. At 264 Merv Elstone topped the gents with Al McMullen 205 second and Garth Windsor 187 third while Clara Miscio held the hidden score.

February 7 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: From Shirley Howe the news that Pat Bailey won for high hands, Doreen Francis for low hands and Sherin Brown for both lone hands and the special prize.

February 7 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Kathie Porter and Helen Baker led at 70 percent then Jackie Metcalf and Bruce Armstrong 57 percent.

February 8 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Albert Foster reports that leading the gents was Ida Young 278 followed by Kevin Maloney 260, Marcel Roussel 257 and Pat Scadden 254. First for the ladies at 285 was Bev Johnson then Marcy

Morgan 263, Maria Tschida 251 and Vi Howell 239. Maria also won the special prize while Marcy Morgan, Theresa Deak and Howard Smith took the moonshots.

February 10 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Margaret Fletcher and Marion Stickwood with Betty Sharpe and Don Blakey posting the highs. The afternoon's low went to Kay Godden with Gwen Cox claiming the special prize. Thanks to Tim Sharpe for this news.

February 10 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top trio members were Vic Ballik 285, Frank Franzen 265 and Sam Gaudet 261. Dana Briscoe won the draw while Ida Young, Tom Grix and our reporter Rose Isaacson took the moonshots.

February 10 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: from Sherin Brown comes the news that John Sparks won for high hands, Joan Riel for lone hands and Margaret Fletcher for both low hands and the special prize.

February 10 euchre at Club 35: Lone hand honours went to Dorene Elstone with Jean Dutka and our reporter Garth Windsor posting the high scores. The evening's lows were recorded by Linda Voycey and Merv Elstone with Jean Dutka claiming the baloney.

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## OBITUARIES



**Knight, Douglas Elmer** — Passed away peacefully at Bay Ridges LTC Pickering, on Saturday February 1st 2014 in his 83rd year. Dearly loved Dad of Jim of Whitby, Diane and her husband George of Pickering, Cheryl and her husband Justin of Courtice, Debbie and her husband Kevin of Whitby and Bev and her husband Dave of Brooklin. Pre-deceased by his long time companion Muriel Drinkle. Loved Grandfather of Kim, Bryan, Roxanne, Cherie, Kerry, Billy, Lisa, Laura, Sarah and Zach and their families. Loved and remembered by 10 great-grandchildren. Survived by his sister Ruth and her husband Neil of Selby and his brother Doug (late Jean) and predeceased by his brother Burt. Lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Fondly remembered by his first wife Marilyn Knight and his mother-in-law Helen Withers.

Family and friends were received at Barnes Memorial Funeral Home 5295 Thickson Rd. N. Whitby 905-655-3662 on Tuesday February 4th from 7-9 p.m.

A service to honour and remember Douglas will be held in Barnes Chapel on Wednesday February 5th at 1:00 p.m. If desired, memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

Messages of condolence may be left for the family by visiting [www.barnesmemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.barnesmemorialfuneralhome.com)

### Jacqueline “Jacquie” Evelyn Chillman



Passed away peacefully at her Florida home on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 At the age of 76.

Beloved wife of the late William Frederick Chillman. Dear mother of Gerald Chillman and Ronald J. Chillman. Grandmother of Todd and Geoffrey. Dear sister of Jessie Burgess, Ruby Lindensmith, Richard Ratcliff, Helen McKirdy and Dawn McDonald. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends will be invited join the family for a Memorial Visitation and Memorial Service at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 at a later date in the spring. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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### Margaret Helen Worrell

Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Friday, February 7, 2014. At the age of 85.

Beloved wife of the late Peter. Dear mother of Glynis (predeceased), Peter (Sylvia), Corinne (David Howell), Jane, and Bernadette (Mike Trotter). Loving Nana to Sean, Kelly, Claire, Joanna, Corinne, Daniel, Louise, Railey, Jordan, Jade, Austin, Regan, Emma, Chloe and to many great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Dear sister to Ena. Fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews.

In accordance to Margaret's wishes, cremation has taken place. Private Family Arrangements.

Memorial Donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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### Charles 'Chuck' W. Hicks

(Resident of Ingoldsby, Ontario)



Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Monday morning, February 3, 2014 in his 80th year. Beloved husband of Iola 'Toots' (nee Parish) for over 53 years. Loving father of Shelley (Richard van Nood), Steven Charles (predeceased 1968) and Kimberley (Paul Robinson). Proud Poppa of Brittney (Trevor Fairey), Adam (Kim Kavanaugh), Mazey, Ashley and Courtney. Dear brother of Reg (Doreen), Helen Newton and Maurice. Special brother-in-law of Claude (Gail) Parish, Tom (Barb) Parish, Stan (Sandra Anderson), Julie (Larry Hartin). Also remembered by his sisters-in-law Lorna and Donna. Predeceased by his brothers Lester, Harold, Donald, by his sister-in-law Liz and his brother-in-law Alvin. Chuck left his mark in the Community as a talented builder, stone mason and jack of all trades. Most evenings he could be found in his garage tinkering with his truck or his Model A, 'Precious'. Chuck was a very well respected and humble man.

### Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends were invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Friday afternoon, February 7, 2014 from 4-7 p.m. Then to INGOLDSBY UNITED CHURCH 1741 Ingoldsby Road, Ingoldsby on Saturday morning, February 8, 2014 for Funeral Service at 11 o'clock (Visitation one hour prior). Interment later Ingoldsby Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Ingoldsby United Church or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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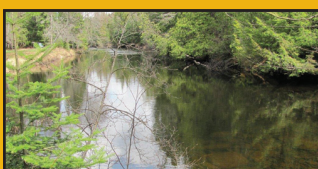
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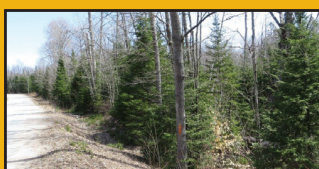
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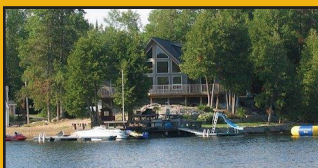
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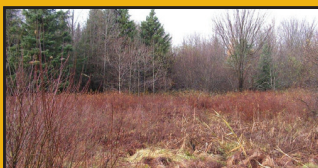
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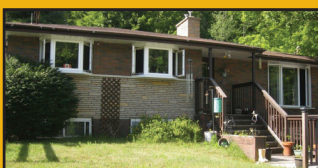
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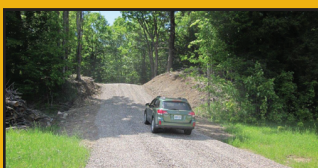
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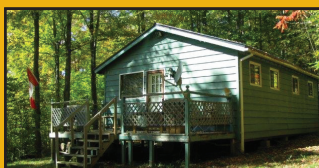
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